

Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-20 (Cancelled).

21. (New) A urinary catheter kit comprising:

a distal catheter section having an outlet at a distal end and a fastening mechanism disposed proximate to a proximal end;

a lubricated proximal catheter section including an inlet proximate a proximal end and fixedly coupled with the distal catheter section so that a distal end of the proximal catheter section is coupled with the proximal end of the distal catheter section;

a conduit forming a fluid passageway from the inlet to the outlet;

a tubular member configured to enclose the lubricated proximal catheter section and including an attachment mechanism disposed at a distal end of the tubular member configured to releasably and sealingly engage the fastening mechanism to provide an enclosure around the lubricated proximal catheter section that is proximal to the fastening mechanism when the attachment mechanism is engaged with the fastening mechanism.

22. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, wherein the tubular member and the distal catheter section are positioned in an end to end relationship with one another when the attachment mechanism is engaged with the fastening mechanism.

23. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, wherein a proximal end of the tubular member is positioned adjacent to the proximal end of the lubricated proximal catheter section when the attachment mechanism is engaged with the fastening mechanism.

24. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, wherein the engagement of the fastening mechanism with the attachment mechanism provides a fluid tight seal.

25. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, further comprising a liquid swelling medium disposed within the enclosure and the proximal catheter section includes a hydrophilic surface.

26. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, further comprising an outward flange disposed on the proximal end of the tubular member.

27. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, further comprising a removable cover disposed over the outlet.

28. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 27, wherein the cover is a foil member.

29. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, wherein the fastening mechanism includes a rib disposed around a circumference of the distal catheter section.

30. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, wherein water is a lubricant for the lubricated proximal catheter section.

31. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, wherein saline is a lubricant for the lubricated proximal catheter section.

32. (New) The urinary catheter kit of claim 21, wherein a hydrogel is a lubricant for the lubricated proximal catheter section.